#### REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

#### CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of January 3, 2005

# Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

## **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force**

U.S. Marshals Major Case fugitive Carlos Ray Brewster was arrested in Los Angeles, California on January 6, 2005 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF), Deputy Marshals from the Central District of California and parole agents from the California Department of Corrections (CDC). Brewster was wanted by the U.S. Marshals in the Western District of Oklahoma for escape. Brewster was serving a 22-year sentence for narcotics violations at the time of his escape from the Federal Prison Camp at El Reno, Oklahoma on December 19, 2004. Following Brewster's escape, Deputy U.S. Marshals from Western Oklahoma, Northern California, Eastern California, Central California, PSWRFTF and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG) worked together to locate and apprehend Brewster before he could achieve his stated goal of fleeing to Mexico to evade apprehension. On the morning of January 6, 2005, a surveillance team observed Brewster meeting with a former prison associate at a fast food restaurant in East Los Angeles and arrested Brewster without incident. Brewster will be returned to the Western District of Oklahoma to face federal escape charges. Investigation continues concerning the involvement of other family members and associates who may have facilitated Brewster's escape and subsequent flight.



Carlos Ray Brewster
Wanted for Escape

#### **Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On November 23, 2004, D.C. Jail erroneously released Bruce Walsh, who was pending sentencing on a charge of assault with intent to kill. On December 17, 2004, a warrant was issued out of D.C. Superior Court for his arrest. The case, which was elevated to Major Case status, was turned over to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Investigators teamed up with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operation Group and developed information that Walsh was in Miami, Florida. Investigators traveled to Florida, and on January 6, 2004, arrested Walsh without incident in the lobby of a Miami hotel. Walsh is currently being held, pending extradition to Washington, D.C.



Wanted for Escape

#### **Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On January 6, 2005, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), in conjunction with members of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), and the Clayton County, Georgia Sheriff's Department, arrested Harum Abdul-Rahim for homicide, concealing a death, and felon in possession of a firearm. In October 2004, Abdul-Rahim and another individual committed a home invasion robbery in College Park, Georgia and in the process killed the homeowner. Because authorities could not originally prove it was Abdul-Rahim who committed the murder, he was not immediately arrested. Abdul-Rahim was initially cooperative with detectives; however, once warrants were issued for his arrest, he fled. The investigation led SERFTF investigators and TOG to a location in Riverdale, Georgia where investigators observed a male fitting Abdul-Rahim's description exit a taxi-cab and enter an apartment leased by an associate's sister. When SERFTF investigators entered the apartment, the subject attempted to hide in the upstairs bedrooms. After several attempts to get the subject to show himself to investigators, Abdul-Rahim finally appeared and was taken into custody. During a protective sweep of the apartment, SERFTF agents found, in plain view, a small quantity of drugs as well as rounds for a .45 caliber handgun. Abdul-Rahim's criminal history includes arrests from three different states (Georgia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania) for numerous offenses involving mainly narcotics as well as aggravated assault. At the time of his arrest, Abdul-Rahim was also considered the prime suspect in another murder case in Riverdale, Georgia.



Harum Abdul-Rahim

Wanted for Homicide, Concealing a Death, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm

#### **Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force**

In August 2004, while hanging out on a street corner in Jacksonville, Florida with several other young men, Dercy Long got into a verbal altercation with the victim who told Long that he was going to "get him." At this point, Long produced a semi-automatic handgun. Upon seeing the gun, the victim turned and ran. At that point, Long allegedly shot two rounds into the victim's back, then after the victim fell to the ground, stood over him and fired one more shot, which resulted in the victim's death. Information developed by the Jacksonville Police Department was forwarded to the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) indicating that the subject had family ties to Chicago, Illinois and may have fled to that area. On January 5, 2005, deputy U.S. marshals and GLRFTF officers conducted interviews with several family members in Chicago. All family members were uncooperative; however, during one of these interviews, information was produced of a possible location for the subject in Chicago. Task Force members proceeded to the address, located Long and placed him under arrest without incident. Long is awaiting extradition to Florida.



**Dercy Long** 

**Wanted for Murder** 

### New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 2, 2005, the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force with the assistance of U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group and the Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Sheriffs Office arrested Raheem Venable. Venable, a Bloods street gang member, was wanted by Essex County Prosecutors Office for a gang motivated homicide. Venable allegedly became involved in a verbal argument with the victim, a confirmed member of the Crips street gang, inside a bar in Irvington, New Jersey. Venable then allegedly shot the victim twice in the chest, once in the abdomen, once in the right groin, and once in the left arm. Venable has five prior convictions for weapons and narcotics.

Bloods street gang member



Raheem Venable

**Wanted for Homicide**